



LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS 2005-2006 INSTITUTIONAL REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Message from the Commissioner:

The Board of Regents is proud of all the teacher preparation programs in our state that reached out to restore education in Louisiana after the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The storms displaced over 84,000 university students, 176,000 K-12 students, 12,000 K-12 teachers, and 1.3 million citizens during fall 2005. The outreach by university faculty and their pre-service teachers was unprecedented. Displaced pre-service teachers were welcomed into new university environments and provided basic essentials to resume their education; pre-service teachers volunteered their time in shelters and helped deliver enrichment programs to displaced children; pre-service teachers assisted overcrowded schools deliver instruction to children who were experiencing emotional turmoil due to unimaginable losses; and displaced student teachers were welcomed into K-12 schools in new communities and provided clothing and housing to help them graduate on time. Of equal importance, faculty who lost their homes, personal belongings, and professional resources returned to their universities and joined in efforts to locate their displaced university students and rebuild the educational programs on their damaged campuses. The compassion and dedication demonstrated by teacher preparation faculty and pre-service teachers during this past year will not be forgotten.

E. Joseph Savoie
Commissioner of Higher Education

Mission of University

Nicholls State University provides a unique blend of excellent academic programs to meet the needs of Louisiana and beyond. The university cultivates productive, responsible, engaged citizens in a personalized, culturally rich and dynamic learning environment through quality teaching, research and service.

Student Characteristics of University

During Fall 2004, the university had a total enrollment of 6,787 undergraduate and 695 graduate students. A total of 2,649 students were males and 4,833 were females. The majority of the students were from Louisiana with a total of 7,192 in-state students, 208 out-of-state students, and 82 foreign students. Among students enrolled in the undergraduate program, 86 were black, 639 were white, and 59 were other races. Among students enrolled in the graduate program, 101 were black, 414 were white, and 19 were other races.

Accreditation and Approval of Teacher Preparation Program

The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In addition, the university is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All of the university's teacher preparation programs are approved by the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program

- Achieved another exemplary rating from the Louisiana Board of Regents.
- Awarded a University technology grant used to purchase a mobile computer lab.
- Awarded a second year US Department of Education Transition to Teaching Grant (\$99,000) to recruit teachers into critical shortage areas and to develop a unique University-based Teacher Induction Program.
- Collaborated with Lafourche Parish School Board to apply for a US Department of Education grant (\$817,000).
- Awarded \$6,000 by the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging to improve the Adult Health and Development Program.
- Awarded a \$197,000 Louisiana Department of Education grant designed to improve the math achievement skills of students with disabilities.

Notable Features and Accomplishments of Teacher Preparation Program (Cont'd)

- Awarded a \$177,624 LaSIP Grant, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, designed to combine reading and language competencies with content knowledge.
- Awarded \$250,000 by the Louisiana Department of Transportation to develop a walking trail around the University's campus.
- Awarded a second \$800,000 American History grant in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences and the Assumption Parish School Board.
- Awarded \$298,000 Math and Science Partnership (with Lafourche, St. Mary, and Terrebonne parishes) grant by the Louisiana Department of Education to develop increased teacher content knowledge.
- Placed four student teachers who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Collaborated with Lafourche Parish School Board to offer tutoring for school children displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Collaborated with Office Depot to provide backpacks for school children displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Provided case management functions including completing over 200 Family Finder Forms for family members displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Awarded for the first time three endowed professorships in education (Durel Martin, Orleans Pitre, and Minor Chermie).

Teacher Preparation Program Data

The following data have been provided about the teacher preparation program.

1. Total number of students formally admitted to the regular teacher preparation program and enrolled in one or more courses during academic year 2004-2005 including all areas of teaching specialization.	784
2. Total number of students enrolled in the regular teacher preparation program and alternate certification program including all areas of teaching specialization who participated in programs of supervised student teaching or supervised internships during Summer 2004, Fall 2004, and/or Spring 2005.	145

Teacher Preparation Program Data (Cont'd)

3. Supervising faculty for supervised student teaching and Internship experiences.	
a. Number of appointed full time faculty in professional Education.	18
b. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005.	4
c. Number of appointed part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution, who supervised student teaching/internship experiences during Summer 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005.	63
d. Total number of supervising faculty for the teacher preparation program during 2004-2005.	85
4. Student/faculty ratio for student teaching and internship experiences.	1.71:1
5. Student participation in student teaching.	
a. Average number of hours per week required of student participation in supervised student teaching during academic year 2004-2005.	35
b. Total number of weeks per semester of supervised student teaching required for student teaching during academic year 2004-2005.	15
c. Total number of hours required during academic year 2004-2005 for student teaching.	525

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
2005-2006 TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**

In compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1998, Louisiana created a Teacher Preparation Accountability System to assess the performance of teacher preparation programs within the state. During the first phase (2001-2002) of the accountability system, the performance of the regular and alternate certification students on the state teachers' examination (PRAXIS) was assessed. During subsequent phases (2002-2003, 2003-04, and 2004-05), the quantity of program completers at each institution and the performance of each institution (e.g., performance of regular and alternate certification students on the state teachers' examination (PRAXIS) and ratings by teachers of their satisfaction with their teacher preparation programs) were assessed. In the future, additional factors will be assessed to examine such areas as ratings of programs by first year teachers' mentors and growth of learning of students taught by new teachers. The purpose of this accountability system is to clearly demonstrate to the public that all universities and colleges in Louisiana are working diligently to produce quality teachers who work effectively with PK-12 students.

During 2005-06, it was not possible to implementation the Teacher Preparation Accountability System due to the closure of universities and schools in Louisiana and the inability to collect data from displaced teachers and mentors due to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. However, quantity and PRAXIS examination passage rate data that can be collected are being disseminated to the public in a *2005-06 Institutional Report for the Preparation of Teachers*.

**QUANTITY OF PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND
SUMMARY OF HEA TITLE II PRAXIS EXAMINATION PASSAGE RATES
2004-2005 REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM COMPLETERS**

	TOTAL NUMBER	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
HEA Title II 2004-2005 Regular Program Completers	107	106	99%
HEA Title II 2004-2005 Alternate Program Completers	27	27	100%
Total	134	133	99%



**HEA - Title II
2004-2005 Academic
Year
Regular Program
Completers**

Institution Name	NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
Institution Code	6221
State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	107
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	107

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Type of Assessment	Assessment Code Number	Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	Institutional Pass Rate	Statewide		
					Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	Statewide Pass Rate
Basic Skills							
PPST READING	710	29	29	100%	234	234	100%
CBT READING	711	5			124	124	100%
PPST WRITING	720	28	28	100%	230	230	100%
CBT WRITING	721	5			121	121	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	26	26	100%	227	227	100%
CBT MATHEMATICS	731	6			114	114	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	69	69	100%	968	968	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	70	70	100%	972	972	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	72	72	100%	991	991	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020				52	52	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353	2			25	25	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	69	69	100%	910	905	99%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523				7	7	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	36	36	100%	553	548	99%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542	2			24	24	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEM ED CONTENT AREA EXERCISES	012				2	2	100%
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	67	66	99%	880	868	99%



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Academic Content Areas							
BIOLOGY AND GENERAL SCIENCE	030	1			29	26	90%
ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	041	4			94	92	98%
ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	4			93	93	100%
MATHEMATICS	060				3	3	100%
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061	1			43	43	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				1	1	100%
CHEM PHYSICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE	070				5	5	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	7			132	132	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	7			133	133	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089				2	2	100%
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	090	1			13	13	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091	4			56	56	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100	3			9	9	100%
MUSIC EDUCATION	110				5	5	100%
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113	2			49	49	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120	3			9	9	100%
FRENCH	170				1	1	100%
SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	191				6	6	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439				1	1	100%



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				Statewide		
<i>Type of Assessment²</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Aggregate - Basic Skills	104	104	100%	1342	1342	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	107	107	100%	1547	1537	99%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	93	92	99%	1346	1329	99%
Aggregate - Other Content Areas (Career/Technical Education, Health Educations, etc.)						
Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)						
Aggregate - Performance Assessments						
Summary Totals and Pass Rates⁵	107	106	99%	1543	1520	99%

- ¹ The number of program completers found, matched and used in the passing rate calculation will not equal the sum of the column labeled "Number Taking Assessment" since a completer can take more than one assessment.
- ² Institutions and/or States did not require the assessments within an aggregate where data cells are blank.
- ³ Number of completers who took one or more tests in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁴ Number who passed all tests they took in a category and within their area of specialization.
- ⁵ Summary Totals and Pass Rate: Number of completers who successfully completed one or more tests across all categories used by the state for licensure and the total passrate.



**HEA - Title II
2004-2005 Academic
Year Quartile Ranking
(Regular Completers)**

Institution Name	NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
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State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	107
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	107
Number of Individuals Licensed	
Number of Out-Of-State Program Completers	
Number of In-State Program Completers	1543

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<i>Type of Assessment²</i>	Statewide						
	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Institutional Pass Rate</i>	<i>Institutional Quartile Rank</i>	<i>Number Taking Assessment³</i>	<i>Number Passing Assessment⁴</i>	<i>Statewide Pass Rate</i>
Aggregate - Basic Skills	104	104	100%	I	1342	1342	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	107	107	100%	I	1547	1537	99%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	93	92	99%	II	1346	1329	99%
Aggregate - Other Content Areas (Career/Technical Education, Health Educations, etc.)							
Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)							
Aggregate - Performance Assessments							
Summary Totals and Pass Rates⁵	107	106	99%	II	1543	1520	99%

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Alternate Program
Completers**

Institution Name	NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
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State	Louisiana
Number of Program Completers Submitted	27
Number of Program Completers found, matched, and used in passing rate Calculations¹	27

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Basic Skills							
PPST READING	710	5			86	86	100%
CBT READING	711	4			143	143	100%
PPST WRITING	720	5			86	86	100%
CBT WRITING	721	4			144	144	100%
PPST MATHEMATICS	730	5			87	87	100%
CBT MATHEMATICS	731	4			140	140	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST READING	5710	12	12	100%	471	470	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST WRITING	5720	12	12	100%	474	474	100%
COMPUTERIZED PPST MATHEMATICS	5730	11	11	100%	485	485	100%
Professional Knowledge							
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	020				27	27	100%
EDUC. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS: CK	353	1			88	88	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING K-6	522	11	11	100%	393	393	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	523	2			27	27	100%
PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 7-12	524	11	11	100%	401	401	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: MILD MODER. DISABIL	542	1			80	80	100%
ED EXCEPT STUDENTS: SEV. PROFND DISABIL	544				1	1	100%
Academic Content Areas							
ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT	011	1			46	46	100%
ELEM ED CONTENT AREA EXERCISES	012	1			38	38	100%
ELEMENTARY ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	014	15	15	100%	446	444	100%



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ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY	043	2			75	75	100%
MATHEMATICS	060				32	32	100%
MATHEMATICS: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	061	1			13	12	92%
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	069				3	3	100%
CHEM PHYSICS AND GENERAL SCIENCE	070				21	21	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	081	3			64	64	100%
SOCIAL STUDIES: INTERPRET MATERIALS	083	3			65	65	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	089				7	7	100%
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	090				25	25	100%
PHYSICAL ED: CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	091				13	13	100%
BUSINESS EDUCATION	100	1			28	28	100%
MUSIC EDUCATION	110				4	4	100%
MUSIC CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	113				2	2	100%
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES	120				12	12	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECTS: CK	146				8	8	100%
FRENCH	170				2	2	100%
FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	173				3	3	100%
SPANISH	190	1			7	7	100%
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	439				5	5	100%



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Aggregate - Basic Skills	21	21	100%	730	729	100%
Aggregate - Professional Knowledge	25	25	100%	931	931	100%
Aggregate - Academic Content Areas (Math, English, Biology, etc.)	26	26	100%	883	879	100%
Aggregate - Other Content Areas (Career/Technical Education, Health Educations, etc.)						
Aggregate - Teaching Special Populations (Special Education, ELS, etc.)						
Aggregate - Performance Assessments						
Summary Totals and Pass Rates⁵	27	27	100%	1046	1042	100%

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